



First
United Methodist
Church
of Greensburg, PA

May 7, 2017 8:30 & 10:45 AM Worship
4th Sunday of Easter - Communion
"Representing Christ as a Light within the City"

So Jesus
said again,
"I tell you
the truth,
I am the
door
for the
sheep.



* Indicates where you may stand if you are able.

** Four-digit hymns are from *The Faith We Sing Hymnal*.

WE GATHER AS A CHURCH FAMILY

PRELUDE Fantasia on Eternal Father, Strong to Save Charles Callahan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please sign the Welcome Tablets, pass them across your pew and back to the outside aisle.)

INTROIT (10:45) "Alleluia" Chancel Choir
arr. GF Pershing

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" No. 140
**Welcoming the Light of Christ into our midst*

*OPENING PRAYER

Lord of Life, submitting to death, You conquered the grave. By being lifted on a cross, you draw all peoples to you. By being raised from the dead, you restored to humanity all that we had lost through sin. Throughout these fifty days of Easter, we proclaim the marvelous mystery of death and resurrection. For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity. Amen.

*THE PEACE

Because of the resurrection of Jesus, as a sign of the new life offered to us this day, greet one another with the affirmation “*Christ is risen!*” responding to your neighbor “*Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!*”

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 71

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Affirmation from Romans 8

No. 887

MINISTRY IN MUSIC (10:45)

“Break the Bread”
Natalie Sleeth

Chancel Choir

CALL TO PRAYER

“**In the Garden**” *refrain*

No. 314

**And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own;
and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.**
(You are invited to come forward and kneel at the altar rail.)

MORNING PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 2:42-47

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Peter 2:19-25

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

The Offertory

There Is a Happy Land

George Shearing

*DOXOLOGY

No. 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN OF FAITH

“**Shepherd Me, O God**”

No. 2058

(Children are invited to come forward during the last verse.)

CHILDREN'S PRESENTATION

The Seven Days of Creation

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Since we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth, O God, make us hunger for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

SCRIPTURE (Page 103 in the New Testament Pew Bible)

John 10:1-10

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"THE GATE"

Pastor Steve, preaching

WE RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT

MINISTRY IN MUSIC

"Psalm 23" *Dominus regit me*
Edward Cuthbert Bairstow

Chancel Chanters

CONSECRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

THE BREAD AND THE CUP

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

No. 629

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION *"Alleluia, Alleluia" refrain*

No. 162

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

*POSTLUDE

O God, Our Help in Ages Past
"The Meeting is Over, Let the Service Begin"

Gordon Young



EKKLESIA -- A COMMUNION SERVICE OF WORD & SONG

SATURDAY - 7 PM - May 13

FEATURES: LINDA ROSE, PIANO

THE WHITE CARNATION on the altar in memory of *Bob Roudabush* who went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, May 2, 2017

THE BULLETIN is given to the glory of God in loving memory of Elaine Marshall by Carol Constantine.

WE THANK THOSE WHO ARE SERVING TODAY:

- ORGANIST: - Valerie Stipcak
- LITURGIST: - Br. James Caffrey, Jr., OSL
- ACOLYTE: - Ryan Barr
- ALTAR GUILD: - Brandie Hirst
- COFFEE HOUR: - Tracy Barr **NEXT WEEK:** Pam Swank
- GREETERS: - Laurel Sedlacko **NEXT WEEK:** Debbie Mikita
- NURSERY: - Ellen Matthews & Beverly Bliss
- SOUND SYSTEM: - Ron States
- TECH TEAM: - (8:30) Kelly Wichrowski (10:45) Tracy Barr
- USHERS: - (8:30) Bill Conrad and George Fagert
 - (10:45) Bob Bloom, Sam Detar, Harry Fox, Tim Willcox

Please lift our friends and church family in prayers:

Our shut-ins, those in military service and all with special needs: (Please write prayer concerns on the cards in the pews and place them in the offering plate—requests left on for three weeks, unless renewed.)

Prayer & Health Concerns: Bob Roudabush’s family, Kathy McLay, Pat Handlin’s daughter, Michelle; Meah for healing; Mike; Bob; Marlene Skiavo’s brother, Fred Simler; Helen H.; Larry Flock; Autumn H. & her sister; Allison C.; Shirley Kahler; Ginny Grandey; Bob Garris; Kelly Frey from WTAE; Don Christoff; Ken Keiser; Ruth Hughes, whose brother John King, passed away; Sharon Detar

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR OUR HOMEBOUND, NURSING HOME AND CARE CENTER MEMBERS:

- Paramount Sr. Living** Charles (Dick) Smith
- Brookdale Latrobe:** Allan Pierce, Dorothy Rutter
- Greensburg Care Center:** Alice Murphy, Marilyn Cornell
- RNC:** Art Faust
- Weatherwood Manor:** Helen Wolfgang
- HOME:** Charleen Ringler

LISTENING DEVICES AND LARGE PRINT COPIES OF THE SERVICE MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE USHERS. IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE, PLEASE ASK AN USHER.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8 AM-12:00 PM and 12:30-3:30 PM - Fridays 8 AM-12:00 PM

- Sun. 5/7 **Read - Psalm 110**
8:30 & 10:45 AM - Worship-Sanctuary-Communion
9:00 AM - ~~Children's Chimes~~-NO
9:30 AM - Coffee Hour-Sanctuary Hall
9:30 AM - Preschool-Nursery; Children's Sunday School-Third Floor; Confirmation Class-Third Floor; Youth-Third Floor; Among Friends-Heritage Room; Genesis/Vanguard Class-Library
6:00 PM - Youth-Café
- Mon. 5/8 **Read - Genesis 1:1-2:4a**
6:00 PM - Boy Scouts-FH 6:00 PM - Daisies-NH
7:00 PM - SPRC - Library 7:00 PM - Centering Prayer-PR
- Tues. 5/9 **Read - Genesis 6:1-22**
9:30 AM - Pastor Steve's Morning Bible Study-Library
10:00 AM - Prayer Shawl Ministry-Lounge
- Wed. 5/10 **Read - Genesis 7:1-24**
6:30 PM - Pastor Steve's Evening Bible Study-Library
- Thurs. 5/11 **Read - Genesis 8:1-22**
9:30 AM - Staff Meeting
11:30 AM - 12 Step Meeting-FH
6:00 PM - Food Bank Set-up-FH
6:00 PM - Chancel Chanters-Sanctuary 6:30 PM-Bonnie Ross Ringers-Bell Room
7:30 PM - Chancel Choir-Choir Room
- Fri. 5/12 **Read - Genesis 9:1-29**
7:00 AM - Food Bank Distribution-FH
- Sat. 5/13 **Read - Genesis 12:1-20**
7:00 PM - Ekklesia Service-Sanctuary-Linda Rose

NEXT SUNDAY 5/14/17:

8:30 & 10:45 AM Worship Services - 5th Sunday of Easter-Mother's Day
Read: John 14:1-14
Sermon: ***"Believe"***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP FOCUS for May is

CALLING ALL GRADUATES! If you have a family member graduating from high school, college or technical school, please call the church office with your student's name, their relationship, school name, type of degree and future plans. Please submit by **May 14**.

ANNUAL CROP HUNGER WALK is Sunday, **May 21** at Twin Lakes County Park. Please see Pastor Steve to sign up!

SUMMER CHURCH CAMP - Now is the time to register for summer church camp at one of our three camping centers (Camp Allegheny, Camp Jumonville, Wesley Woods). Camp registration booklets are available in the media rack. When you decide which camp/week you want to attend, please fill out the registration form and submit it to the camp with your deposit. If you need assistance or have any questions, please talk to Kathy Griffith (412.613.8569-cell).

CONGREGATION APPRECIATION EVENT & DINNER is Sunday May 21st, 2017 at 4:30 PM. All are invited. Please register in the narthex **today**.



The Seven Days of Creation

A special presentation of the children from

Kid's Rock & Transformer Choir

Directed by Dana Ricker and Carolyn Welka

Danny Brady

Elijah Comer

Peyton Comer

Conner Grant

Nevaeh Hirst

Kaitlyn Jurkiewicz

Cheyenne Miller

Nevin Miller

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Welcome to Greensburg First United Methodist Church

We are so glad that you chose to worship at Greensburg First UMC this morning. Greensburg First is a place for real people with real lives to develop and nurture a real faith. We have authentic relationships, relevant messages, and are committed to raising up the next generation as disciples of Jesus Christ. We want you to know that you are loved and accepted here. Feel free to worship with us regularly and to fully participate in all our activities. If you are new to our community or are looking for a church home, please make it a point to meet one of the pastors before you leave the building. Also, help us get to know you by signing the welcome tablet. We will be happy to help you learn more about Greensburg First UMC.

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*You are cordially invited to attend a
Congregation Appreciation Event and Dinner*

on

*Sunday, the twenty first of May, 2017,
beginning with an **Organ Recital** at four-thirty in the
afternoon in the sanctuary of the
First United Methodist Church, Greensburg, P.A.
Dinner will follow in Fellowship Hall.*

*Kindly R.S.V.P. to the church Office (724) 834-3111
prior to May 14, 2017.*



MOTHER'S DAY

BLANKET SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2017

The Outreach Ministry Annual Church World Service blanket sale is May 14.

For just \$10, you can provide a blanket, in honor or memory of someone, that will be sent wherever in the world there is a need.

Sometimes it is hard to believe that a blanket can offer any relief to people touched in this way, but that blanket can mean warmth, shelter or a way to carry possessions to people who may have lost everything. Surely we can find it in our hearts to offer our help at such a time. Please prayerfully consider supporting this ministry.

Stop by our table located in the narthex to get a donation envelope.

Moms Helping Moms

DIAPER DRIVE - APRIL 30 THRU MAY 14



There is a diaper crisis in this area and you can help! The *Confirmation Class* is collecting diapers. They are asking each family to consider donating at least one pack of diapers, any size or brand. Look for the "*diaper collection box*" in the sanctuary hallway for the next few weeks. The collection will conclude on Mother's Day and

all diapers collected will be given to the Westmoreland County Children's Bureau in Greensburg. Thank you very much for your participation!

Sharing Christ with an Angry Culture

Featuring *Rev. Dr. Allyn Ricketts*, retired pastor and

Professor of Apologetics and Philosophy at the Biblical Life Institute, near Freeport, PA.

A one-day event at Harmony-Zelienople United Methodist Church on Thursday, May 25th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Cost is \$15.00 (\$20.00 at the door).

Get details and register at wpaumc.org/events